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REMARKS

Claims 46-53, 56-63, 66 and 67 were pending. By virtue of this response, claims 46-53, 56-63, 66 and 67 are amended, and new claims 68-72 are added. Therefore, claims 46-53, 56-63, 66-72 are presently pending. No new matter is added by this amendment. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 46, 48-50, 56, 58-60, and 66-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Fujiwara et al (hereinafter "Fujiwara", US 6,064,879) in view of Lipsit (herein after "Lipsit", US 5,956,636).

In response, claim 46 has been amended to recite, among other things, "A method for a server of a wireless network for registering a user equipment (UE) accessing the Internet through a Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) access network, the method comprising: establishing an anonymous communication session, using a tunneling communications protocol, with the UE via an Integrated Network Controller (INC) in response to authentication of a temporary ID and a temporary password identifying the user equipment as unregistered," (emphasis added). See paragraphs [0018]-[0026] and figures 1 and 2, for example, for support.

In contrast, Fujiwara discloses establishing a permanent ID for a mobile unit with a customer management system and credit card database via a switching station (AMC). The system is described as follows:

The home memory station (HMS) 34 connected to the CC 32 stores the ID information, position registration information, billing information, etc. for the mobile units registered with the mobile communication network. In addition to the usual functions as a CC, the CC 32 carries out the function of identifying specific IDs stored in the HMS 34 as temporary IDs and imposing the above-stated restrictions. The CAS 20 is also connected, via the CAS terminal 22 and public network 16, to a credit card company's database 36 for automatic online credit

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checks on registering applicants.. (Emphasis added). (Col. 4, lines 53-65).

Therefore, Fujiwara at least fails to disclose or suggest "establishing an anonymous communication session, using a tunneling communications protocol, with the UE via an Integrated Network Controller (INC)" as recited in claim 46.

Furthermore, even if the "AMC" is considered roughly analogous to an "INC", authentication of the temporary ID is performed at the AMC. This is described in col. 4, lines 21-24 as follows: "At this time, the AMC 29 identifies the ID of the mobile unit as a temporary ID and places restrictions on the communication that are not imposed in the case of a permanent ID."

Therefore, Fujiwara fails to disclose or suggest "authentication of a temporary ID and a temporary password identifying the user equipment as unregistered" at the "server of the wireless network", as recited in claim 46. Furthermore, Lipsit does not cure the deficiencies of Fujiwara to disclose the limitations of the claims as amended.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit claim 46 is patentable over Fujiwara in view of Lipsit. Independent claims 56 and 66 have been similarly amended to claim 46. Therefore, claims 48-50, 58-60, and 67 are allowable for at least the reasons given for independent claims 46, 56, and 66.

Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of claims 46, 48-50, 56, 58-60, and 66-67.

Claims 51-53 and 61-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Fujiwara, in view of Lipsit, and further in view of Rai (hereinafter "Rai", 6,675,208).

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For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 51-53 and 61-63 are patentable over Fujiwara in view of Lipsit, and further in view of Rai. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 51-53 and 61-63.

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CONCLUSION

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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Docket No. 562492002620. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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